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NEWSLETTER

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Important Notice

**Your Renewal Form is in this newsletter
Renewal form and instructions are inserted, please do
not discard until you get them out**

**Are you thinking about joining the National Rifle Association?
Are you getting ready renew your membership
with the National Rifle Association?**

**If you answered YES to any of theses questions, The Chapter can help
you and you can help the Chapter.**

Arlington Fairfax Chapter Izaak Walton league of America is a NRA Recruiter and has been for years. If you join or renew the NRA through the Chapter, The Chapter picks up \$\$\$ for each new membership or renewal we send in. We use the same simple form as they do and it's the same type of membership, nothing is different except the chapter gets a check. So next time your membership is ready to expire or you decide to join give me a call.

**Bucky Sills
703-393-9694 work
703-830-0458 home**

Education and Training News

Short and Sweet, We are winding down a very busy year, teaching over 20 different courses both at the chapter and on the road. **The NOV 19, 2011 NRA Shotgun Shell Reloading class** will be the last course of the year. There is still room, but sign up soon. To register for this class or any other class go to “arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org” Education and look for the registration form,

2012 Instructor courses

January	7	0800	NRA Basic Range Safety Officer (RSO) Course
January	21	0800 - 1200	NRA Basic Pistol Instructor Pre-Course Assessment
January	25, 26 and 27	1900	NRA Basic Instructor Training (BIT)
January	28 and 29	0900/0800	NRA Basic Pistol Instructor Course
February	11 and 12	0800	NRA Pistol Coach School
February	18	0800 - 1200	NRA PPITH Instructor Pre-Course Assessment
February	25 and 26	0800	NRA PPITH Instructor Course

This is a listing of some instructor classes being held, For a complete listing and to register go to our website “arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org” click on education button and then 2012 registration form .

Share your knowledge,
become an NRA Instructor

Important contact information

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Attend your chapter meetings

Regular Membership Meeting

3rd Tuesday of each month

7:30 pm @ Field house

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www.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org

Chapter Board of Directors Meeting

1st Tuesday of each month

7:30 pm @ Field House

All members welcome

IWLA-Monthly Centerfire Bullseye Match: November 2011 – April 2012

The rimfire Bullseye season ended in October successfully with the participation of many IWLA members. All participants experienced improving techniques and scores as the season progressed. As shown in the photo below, help and advice is always available if needed.

The Centerfire Bullseye Match will begin on November 6th and will continue through April 2012. The range has 17 shooting positions. The match will have one relay and start at 9:30 am with practice at 9:00 am.

The match is held on the first Sunday of each month. Beginners and experienced participants are invited to compete in the Bullseye Pistol Match at 9:00 am at the IWLA rifle/pistol range. All ages and talent levels are invited to compete in the matches. They are fun and educational. If you are a beginner and are interested, please join us. If you are the parent of a young adult and would like them to learn the basics of pistol shooting, you are also welcome. The shooting competition consists of a total of 90 shots at slow, timed and rapid fire. During the months of November through April, the participants use center fire pistols or revolvers. All new shooter are invited and we will help educate and encourage you to participate in the competition. Targets are provided for all matches. You bring your pistol, ammunition and lots of enthusiasm. See you on the first Sunday of each month.

If you do not have a centerfire pistol, you are permitted to shoot with your 22 rimfire pistol.

If you are interested or have additional question contact Jack Machey at reddotbull@yahoo.com. Please join us for an enjoyable Sunday morning event!



Indoor Archery Range

Submitted by Jim Smith

The evening indoor archery range season will open Monday November 7 and continue through Thursday March 29. The range will be open Monday through Thursday evenings 6:30 pm until 9:30 pm except for the major holidays and holiday eves. This is a great way to keep your shooting skills sharp.

THE NEW CUB RUN WEBSITE

Charles Johnston, Webmaster

Check it out at:

<https://sites.google.com/site/cubrunarchersorg/home>

ARCHERY UPDATE

Cub Run Archers would like to extend a warm welcome and invitation to all members of the IWLA to take advantage of the many facilities, training opportunities, archery equipment, events and great camaraderie that our club has to offer. Our state of the art indoor range is available for your use anytime a qualified Range Officer is on site. It is common knowledge that a good many regulars in the club are at the range house every morning from approximately 9 am until noon. This is a great time to come down and introduce yourself and find out what Cub Run Archers is all about. If you are new to archery and need advice on anything from bow setup, arrow tuning to shooting technique, not only will you find literally, several hundred years of collective experience, but the equipment to perform those tasks. We especially would like to encourage youth participation and have a great many youth bows that young shooters may practice with to develop their skills. The cost to join Cub Run Archers is only \$15.00 per year, though you don't need to be a member of Cub Run Archers to use the facilities. We have a monthly newsletter and several dinners and picnics throughout the year and attendance at even one of these would easily be worth the annual membership. If you are interested, please contact Robert D'Imperio, Secretary, Cub Run Archers, 13490 Edge Rock Ct. Chantilly, Va. 20151. You may email Bob at robbyrayd@yahoo.com as well.

The outdoor facilities are available to any member in good standing of the IWLA. We have a practice range with target butts at 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 40, 50, and 60 yards. These are lighted as well, if you would like to shoot in the evenings. There is also a crossbow station with movable target. Remember crossbows are allowed ONLY at the special crossbow station and not at any of the other targets or ranges. A 28 point field archery course is also available for use to all IWLA members. Daytime use only as there is no lighting on the field course. A lighted deer processing station is located between the club house and the practice range with running water. When using this station to process your deer please bring heavy duty plastic bags, dispose of the remains properly, and wash down the area leaving the processing station clean after you finish up with your deer.



The weather starting to cool down,
Time to think about the
"WINTER LEAGUE"

When's the last time you practiced?

2012 Birt Kidwell Winter Skeet and Trap League

The Colonel Birt Kidwell Winter Skeet and Trap League will be forming up soon for the 2012 season. Chapter members interested in participating in shotgun shooting sports and improving their marksmanship skills are encouraged to join. The competitive format provides a demanding challenge for shooters of all ability levels. Shooting the league is also a great way to get to know many of your fellow IKE's. The 2011 league fielded 168 shooters for the seventh straight year and we expect another large turnout for the 2012 season. Be sure to sign up early to ensure a spot on the roster.

The season will begin on Sunday, January 8, 2012 and continues every Sunday for 13 weeks. League competition consists of six person squads shooting two round matches against another team each week for both team and individual prizes. Six matches each of trap and skeet are shot during the season (twelve Sundays total). Awards are presented to the top teams and to the individuals with high averages in Skeet, Trap, and Overall, plus a Most Improved.

Individuals and/or teams interested in participating in the league can sign up either by email (preferred) or by telephone. Based on our range facilities, there is a limit of 28 teams and sign up is on a first come, first served basis. More information about the Winter Skeet and Trap League can be obtained by contacting John Seaberg. Email Address: jseaberg@cox.net Telephone: (703) 830-9365.

Watershed Conservation Activities

By Colin Riley

Most of the trash that we pull out of Bull Run throughout the year washes down from the storm drains of area roadways. This Summer however has been a bit of an exception. At the time of our Adopt A Stream Cleanup of Bull Run on August 6th, we encountered very little floodborne trash however it is evident that some recreational users of the parkland along Bull Run are littering with increasing frequency. Nine Chapter volunteers picked up 16 bags of trash from Bull Run in two hours weighing almost 300 pounds. Much of this was in the form of hundreds of glass Corona beer bottles strewn along the stream banks and on the sandbars. If only the State of Virginia had a container deposit we could have made some real money.

At Mason Neck on September 10th, 9 volunteers participated in a shoreline cleanup of the park. We were fortunate to have good weather after the sustained rains during the previous days, which caused so much flooding. We picked up 5 bags of trash and two tires.

The threat of rain seemed to have somewhat dampened attendance of the Adopt A Stream Cleanup of Cub Run on October 2nd, only Chapter members Jay Kahn, Jim Pont and myself showed up, fortunately the sun did shine on us and we were able to pick up 4 bags of trash with a total weight of 84 pounds.

If you would like more information on the following events or any unscheduled volunteer opportunities, please give me a call at 703-200-3994 or send an email to fairfaxwatershed@yahoo.com
Website <http://waterquality.awardspace.com>

Upcoming Events

November 5, 2011 – Adopt A Stream Cleanup of Bull Run

Saturday from 9:00 am to 11:30 am

Participants will meet in the Route 28 Access Point parking lot next to 7122 Centreville Road Centreville, VA 20121

November 19, 2011 Campground and trail cleanup.

Saturday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Participants will meet in the Chapters Campground.

December 3, 2011 Adopt A Highway Cleanup – Mount Olive Road

Saturday from 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Participants will meet in the Chapter Field House parking lot.

January 7, 2012 – Winter Wetland Cleanup Mason Neck State Park

Saturday from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

The Chapter will be conducting a shoreline cleanup of trash at Mason Neck State Park. Participants will meet in the Park's Visitor Center Parking lot at 7301 High Point 22079.Rd, Lorton, VA

February 4, 2012 Adopt A Stream Cleanup of Cub Run

Saturday from 9:00 am to 11:30 am

Participants will meet in the Chapter Field House parking lot.

Many thanks to Colin for organizing and running
this great program



Special money saving offer for AFC members

Don't wait Join Now



Special Offer for Members of VSSA Affiliated Clubs

Are you a member of Virginia's Oldest Gun Rights Organization? If your answer is no, then maybe it's because you don't know what the Virginia Shooting Sports Association (VSSA) has been doing to protect your gun rights and sportsman heritage.

VSSA has been instrumental in:

- Repealing the "Restaurant Ban" that prohibited carrying concealed in restaurants like Applebees and Olive Garden, that serve alcohol as well as food;
 - Allowing conceal carry permit (CHP) holders to renew their permits by mail;
 - Reforming Virginia's CHP statute;
 - Prohibiting localities from passing local gun laws and from adopting ordinances governing the storage of firearms or ammunition (Pre-emption);
 - Passage of the first partial roll-back of Virginia's handgun rationing statute (one gun-a-month). This bill was introduced by VSSA member, **Delegate Bill Janis**;
 - Protecting Virginia's gun ranges, making it harder to close a gun range for frivolous noise complaints. Again it was VSSA member Delegate Bill Janis that introduced this bill.
 - Passage of legislation abolishing provisions regulating sales and purchases in contiguous states;
 - Supreme Court Decisions in Heller vs. DC and McDonald vs. Chicago as a participant in the State Associations' Amicus Briefs; and,
- Defeating the Sussex County Planning Department's attacks on local gun ranges.

If you are not a member of VSSA, here is your chance to join for 60% off the regular Annual Membership fee. Join between October 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011, and you can become a member of VSSA for just \$10. That is a \$15 savings off of the \$25 Annual Member fee. Just go to <http://www.myvssa.org/clubspecial> to become a member today.

When Planning your day at the Rifle and Pistol Range

Plan Ahead & Avoid the Fall Rush

Remember that weekends during October and November can be very crowded at the Rifle and Pistol Range. This is the season that many make their once a year visit to IWLA to sight in their hunting rifles along with the regular shooters. As a result, shooting positions go fast and waiting lists may become necessary. Consider a weekday visit to the range and enjoy a more relaxed outing.

REMINDER TO MEMBERS

The Board of Directors would like all members to be aware of the Chapter's rules regarding guests at all of the facility venues. As stated in the Range Rules of all of the facilities:

All Range Qualified members are authorized to bring guests to use the facility. No guest will be allowed to use the ranges unless accompanied and supervised by a Range Qualified member of the Chapter in good standing. Members are responsible for the conduct and actions of their guests. THE NUMBER OF TIMES THAT ANY ONE GUEST MAY BE ALLOWED TO USE THE RANGES IS SUBJECT TO THE CHAPTER RULE (THREE TIMES IN ANY ONE YEAR). Members may bring dependents and spouses to the ranges without regard to the on the number of uses, but the member must remain in close proximity and immediate supervision of such family members at all times and members are responsible for the conduct and actions of their family members.

And also remember''

Speed limit on chapter property is 10 miles per hour, please



“Christmas Party for Underprivileged Kids”

The Arlington-Fairfax Chapter’s annual “Christmas Party for Underprivileged Kids” is scheduled for December 10, 2011, from 12:00 P.M.- 3:00 P.M., and once again will take place in the Indoor Archery Range. The Fairfax County Department of Family Services will provide us with the names of about 50 underprivileged children, between the ages of newborn and 14 years. These kids, and their families, will be treated to a traditional Christmas Dinner, with a party atmosphere, and gifts for the kids delivered by Santa Claus.

This Party is one of many, really great events, our chapter does for the community. If you would like to volunteer to help, we’ll need members who can help with the following:

Gift Buyer: Purchase gifts, off of a wish list, for one family. You’ll be provided with the children’s name(s), age(s), gender(s), and a 1st and 2nd choice toy. You go to the store, buy the gift(s), and bring it, gift wrapped, to the Main Club House on 12/07/10 @ 7:00 P.M. Save your receipts, and you’ll be reimbursed for your purchases. Arrangements can be made to get funds, to cover the purchases, in advance, if you wish.

Gift Sorting & Stocking Stuffing: Wednesday, 12/07/10 @7:00 P.M.; Match up gifts with wish lists, make sure we have all the kids covered. Personalize and fill stockings for each child. Maybe some wrapping or re-wrapping. At the Main Club House.

Party Set-up: Friday, 12/09/10 @10:00 A.M.; Set up tables, chairs, and decorations. Pick-Up Truck owners needed to move things from Main Club House to Indoor Archery Range.

Food Servers: Saturday, 12/10/10 @11:00 A.M.; Serve the meal, and generally help keep things running smoothly during the Party.

Transportation: Saturday 12/10/10 @11:00 A.M.; Members with large vehicles. Pick up invited families (who don’t own vehicles) and transport them to the Party, and take them home, at the conclusion of the party.

Cookies and Pies: Saturday 12/10/10; Donations of Cookies and Pies, to be served at the party. These can be dropped off early.

Party Break-Down: Saturday 12/10/10 @3:00 P.M.; Take it all down, and put it away. The more the merrier. Pick-Up trucks are helpful.

Please contact co-chairmen, Carl Armstrong (Carl.Armstrong@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org, 703-932-2347) or Oscar Starz (ostarz@cox.net, 703-321-8626) if you can help out. If you don’t have the time to help, or would prefer, you can make a tax deductible donation to the Chapter, to help cover the cost of this worthwhile cause.

NOVA Sharpshooters Junior Shooting Club 2011 - 2012 Practice Schedule

Practices are scheduled sessions for the junior shooting program. Use of the range during these periods for other activities or organizations must be approved by the Director of Youth Activities.

Open practices are for anyone interested in learning basic marksmanship skills and firearms safety.

Club practices are for new shooters and members of the NOVA Sharpshooters JSC at all skill levels.

Advanced/Team Practice is for members of the JSC that have reached the intermediate or advanced shooting skill level or are shooting for the NOVA Sharpshooters rifle team.

Practices are held at the AF-IWLA Air Gun range or the AF-IWLA Rifle/Pistol range in Centreville, VA.

Air Gun Range Times are:

Monday 4:30-8:30 pm, Open Practice, Coach Bucky Sills, Coach Oscar Starz, Coach John Collins

Tuesday 5:30-9:00 pm, Advanced/Team Practice, Coach Bunny Miller, Coach Chris Holman

Friday 5:00-7:00 pm, Club Practice, Coach Tom Pike, Coach Nancy Hahn

Friday 7:00-9:00 pm, Club Practice, Coach Rich Stibrik, Coach Chuck Miller

The Air Gun Range will be closed for all activities on the following dates:

24-27 Nov 2011, 24-25 Dec 2011, 31 Dec 2011, 1 Jan 2012

The following recurring team practice/match times are approved for the period 1 Nov 2011-18 Feb 2012.

Wednesday, 3:00-7:00 pm, Robinson HS Rifle Team, Coach bob Hardy

Wednesday: 7:30-9:30 pm, Woodbridge HS JROTC Rifle Team, Coach Mark Burns

Thursday: 4:00-7:00 pm, Woodson HS Rifle Team, Coach Jay Cliff

Thursday: 7:30-9:30pm, Mavericks HS Rifle Team, Coach Tom Pike

Saturday: 7:00-11:00 am, Lake Braddock HS Rifle Team, Coach Matt Shuster

Saturday: 11:30 am-2:30 pm, West Springfield HS Rifle Team, Coach Edie Williams

Saturday: 3:00-6:00 pm, Potomac High School Rifle League Matches

To request/change range times contact Rich Stibrik, brik73@hotmail.com, (703) 455-4359.

Directions: From I-66 Take Route 28 South to Compton Road, turn right on Compton Road to Mount Olive Road, turn right on Mount Olive Road to the IWLA entrance on the Left (about 300 Yards). Proceed through the gate down the main entry road past the club house on the left. The Air Rifle Range is in a building with a garage door on the left side of the road. Parking is in the parking lot to your right. Do not park in front of the air rifle range building.

NOVA Sharpshooters 2011-2012 Match Schedule

All matches are sponsored by the NOVA Sharpshooters and are either NRA registered or approved matches.

To receive awards shooters need to be NRA members or members of an NRA junior rifle club.

All matches are open to juniors and adults with the exception of junior sectionals which are juniors only.

3 Position Air Rifle can be shot with a sporter or precision air rifle.

[Club, High School, JROTC and other teams are welcome.](#)

Match Schedule:

30 Oct 11, 3 Position Air Rifle, 3x20, 60 shots. Relays are 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 1:00 pm, 3:30 pm

13 Nov 11, 3 Position Air Rifle, 3x20, 60 shots. Relays are 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 1:00 pm, 3:30 pm

18 Dec 11, International Air Rifle, 60 Shots. Relays are 8:00 am, 11:00 am, 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm

5 Feb 12, International Air Rifle, 60 Shots. Relays are 8:00 am, 11:00 am, 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm

3/4 Mar 12, International Air Open Sectionals, 60 Shots & International Air Junior Sectionals 40 Shots. Relays are 8:00 am, 11:00 am, 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm

18 Mar 12, 3P Air, 3x20, 60 Shots. Relays are 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 1:00 pm, 3:30 pm

14/15 Apr 12, 3 Position Air Rifle Open Sectionals, 3x20, 60 shots & 3 Position Air Rifle Junior Sectionals, 3x20, 60 shots Relays are 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 1:00 pm, 3:30 pm

All matches are held at the AF IWLA air rifle range in Centreville, VA.

Contact Tom Pike (703) 362-5716, twpike@verizon.net for match registration.

Directions: From I-66 Take Route 28 South to Compton Road, turn right on Compton Road to Mount Olive Road, turn right on Mount Olive Road to the IWLA entrance on the Left (about 300 Yards). Proceed through the gate down the main entry road past the club house on the left. The Air Rifle Range is in a building with a garage door on the left side of the road. Parking is in the parking lot to your right. Do not park in front of the air rifle range building.

The HS Practice schedule is:

Wednesday, 3:00-7:00 pm, Robinson HS Rifle Team, Coach bob Hardy

Wednesday: 7:30-9:30 pm, Woodbridge HS JROTC Rifle Team, Coach Mark Burns

Thursday: 4:00-7:00 pm, Woodson HS Rifle Team, Coach Jay Cliff

Thursday: 7:30-9:30pm, Mavericks HS Rifle Team, Coach Tom Pike

Saturday: 7:00-11:00 am, Lake Braddock HS Rifle Team, Coach Matt Shuster

Saturday: 11:30 am-2:30 pm, West Springfield HS Rifle Team, Coach Edie Williams

Saturday: 3:00-6:00 pm, Potomac High School Rifle League Matches

NOVA Sharpshooters

The Junior Shooting program provides shooting opportunities for junior shooters at all skill levels. The basic shooting program for beginning shooters, the focus is firearms safety and basic marksmanship skills. New shooter must attend a new shooters orientation before shooting. The orientations are given at the Monday or Friday practice. Practices for new shooters are Monday 4:30-8:30 pm and Friday evenings from 5:00-7:00 pm and 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

The club also provides it's members with coaching, scheduled practices, equipment and competitive opportunities to take the shooters to the intermediate and advanced level. Competition is part of the program. As shooters advance in skill they may shoot for the NOVA Sharpshooters Rifle Team, a year round club team. Additionally, high school students can shoot for the Mavericks Rifle Team in the Potomac High School Rifle League. Both teams are sponsored by the Junior Rifle Club. If you are interested in the basic program or want to shoot matches on one of our teams come out to a practice and talk to Coach Tom Pike (703) 802-0740, twpike@verizon.net or Coach Rich Stibrik (703) 455-4359, brik73@hotmail.com

Weekly practice schedule is:

Monday 4:30-8:30 pm, Open Practice, Coach Bucky Sills, Coach Oscar Starz, Coach John Collins
 Tuesday 5:30-9:00 pm, Advanced/Team Practice, Coach Bunny Miller, Coach Chris Holman
 Friday 5:00-7:00 pm, Club Practice, Coach Tom Pike, Coach Nancy Hahn
 Friday 7:00-9:00 pm, Club Practice, Coach Rich Stibrik, Coach Chuck Miller

The NOVA Sharpshooters rifle team competes at the local, regional and national level in 3 position precision air rifle, and in International air rifle. The NOVA Sharpshooters Rifle Team have kicked off started their fall season. The first match at the air gun range will be a NRA 3 position air rifle record match on 30 Oct 11. The match is open to both sporter and precision shooters. In January 2012 the NOVA Sharpshooters will be going to Palmyra, PA for one of the major matches on the East coast. Club, high school, and collegiate teams all compete in two events, three position smallbore and international air rifle Other matches are also planned. Anyone interested in shooting for the NOVA Sharpshooters Rifle Team should contact Don Ballard, (571) 436-5800, don@donballard.com.

The NOVA Sharpshooters will be hosting seven matches this season at the air gun range. To sign up for a match contact Tom Pike at twpike@verizon.net or (703) 802-0740.

The match schedule is:

30 Oct 11, 3 Position Air Rifle, 3x20, 60 shots.
 13 Nov 11, 3 Position Air Rifle, 3x20, 60 shots.
 18 Dec 11, International Air Rifle, 60 Shots.
 5 Feb 12, International Air Rifle, 60 Shots.
 3/4 Mar 12, International Air Open Sectionals, 60 Shots & International Air Junior Sectionals 40 Shots.
 18 Mar 12, 3P Air, 3x20, 60 Shots.
 14/15 Apr 12, 3 Position Air Rifle Open Sectionals, 3x20, 60 shots & 3 Position Air Rifle Air Junior Sectionals, 3x20, 60 shots

The Club is supporting the Potomac High School Rifle League (PHSRL) again this year. Four of the ten rifle teams in the Potomac High School Rifle League (PHSRL) are composed of NOVA Sharpshooters; they are the Mavericks, Woodson HS and Lake Braddock HS. West Springfield HS is a new rifle team this year with help from the junior shooting program. The league will be conducting matches at the air rifle range with our four home teams hosting matches starting in Nov 2011 and continuing through Feb 2012.

Sighting in a New HANDGUN

Well now you have just gotten your Model 501 Super Blaster in the latest 555 Magnum caliber! How are you going to get this new lovely beast shooting right where you want it to?

You should realize that the manufacturer does NOT set the sights on your Super Blaster right where they need to be. There are two models of the Super Blaster: one with fixed sights and one with adjustable sights.

Let's consider the fixed sight version first. At the IWLA Rifle-Pistol Range the closest distance you can place a target is at 25 yards. So buy the biggest target we sell and put it on your target frame backwards so the BLANK side of the paper is showing towards you at the firing line. Put a colored sticker 1-2 inches across at the center of the blank target. Post your target. Come back to the firing line and **SITTING DOWN** fire three shots slowly with your new handgun firmly resting on one of our nifty carpet covered blocks. For each shot carefully aim for the colored sticker. Take your time to get a good sight picture.

Do **NOT** STAND UP! Do **NOT** blast a whole magazine of rounds at the target as fast as you can! Three shots slow and easy. At this point you should have a group of three holes somewhere on the target.

On the same target shoot another three times. Now you should have a nice group of SIX holes grouped together somewhere on the target. Try a third time, shoot three more rounds. And if all goes well you have a group of nine holes on the target. (If you have NO HOLES on the target at all take the new handgun to a gunsmith for a thorough checkup. Do NOT KEEP SHOOTING this handgun!)

Let us assume that you get nine holes close together on the target. And for explanation sake let's assume the group is level with your colored sticker and approximately 12 inches to the right of the sticker. Cover up the nine holes or mark them with a pen. Now try three groups of three shots again BUT this time aim approximately 12 inches to the left of the sticker. If all goes well you should hit right around the center target sticker.

So now you know how far the point of fire is for that type of ammunition in your Super Blaster at 25 yards. The next thing is to try another brand or weight of ammunition made for the caliber of your Super Blaster. You will be surprised how far a typical handgun can spread different weights and brands of ammunition at 25 yards. You may be able to find a weight and brand of ammunition that you like that shoots on or close to the point of aim of your Super Blaster. This is OFTEN the BEST way to get a fixed sight handgun to shoot to the sights. It is a lot less expensive than "pushing" sights, replacing sights, etc. And besides you get the fun of trying out various kinds of ammunition in your new gun!

If not, you may be able to buy a sight pushing tool to move the fixed sights on your Super Blaster IF the manufacturer has engineered the "FIXED SIGHTS" to be slightly movable. If you don't want to invest in a sight pushing tool you can consider having a gunsmith move the sights for you. Bring your target along so he has some idea of how far your sights need to move. Usually fixed sight handguns can move the rear sights left and right to adjust for left-right point-of-aim failures. Up-and-down point-of-aim failures are a bit more complicated and may require a gunsmith to install a new taller front sight if your point of aim is high. If your point of aim is low, the front sight can be CAREFULLY filed down or replaced to raise the point of impact.

Good Luck. SHOOT SAFELY or don't shoot at all!

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You know who you are!!

**From the Newsletter committee:
To you and your family:**

Have a wonderful but safe holiday season

Merry.
Christmas



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Information on Renewing your Membership for 2012

When you receive your **Renewal Notice** in your Newsletter:

Fill in **ALL** of the blanks completely. All of the information must be **PRINTED** and **LEGIBLE**. Clearly indicate any **CHANGES** from last year. If the form is missing critical information (like your current address) or we **CAN'T** read it, we will **NOT** process your renewal application but we will send it back to you to be corrected.

Make sure the **Release Statement** on the back of the form is **signed** (must be signed by both primary and secondary member if Family membership). If the release is not signed, we will **NOT** process your renewal application but will send it back to you to be corrected.

Completed renewal applications with payment are **DUE** by **December 31, 2011**.

The Late Renewal period **ENDS** on **March 1, 2012**. Late renewals postmarked after March 1, 2012 will not guarantee you a membership slot for 2012.

The **Senior** rate applies to anyone who reaches the age of 60 on or before December 31, 2011.

The **Remote** rate applies to anyone whose residence is more than 50 miles from the Chapter (measured as the “crow flies” not by how many miles you have to drive to get here).

Life Memberships are only obtained from IWLA National. You must contact National to apply/pay for a Life Membership. Our Chapter does **NOT** have a Life Membership category but we honor National Life Membership with special renewal rates.

If you have worked your extra Eight (8) hours of volunteer work and want credit for your \$50 discount, you must include your signed 8 hour work slip record with your renewal paperwork. If you do **NOT** include it or it is not signed, we will **NOT** process your renewal application but will send it back to be corrected.

The bottom portion of the Renewal Form is your receipt for the tax deductible portion of your dues. If you don't detach and keep it, **we will not keep it or mail it back to you**.

If you make a copy of the renewal form, **please print it double sided**.

Please do **NOT** tape or staple forms, work sheets, and/or checks together.

Include annotations and/or notes explaining any changes to your membership status. The more information you provide us, the less chance we'll have to send your renewal paperwork back to you for correction.

If you have not received your new membership card and range sticker within 6 weeks of sending your completed renewal forms with full payment – Contact the Office at 703-631-4495. Don't wait months before contacting us.

If you have **not** completed your six hours of volunteer work, you will **not** receive your Range Sticker with your new membership card. Once you have completed the six hours of volunteer work, and bring in the completed, signed form to the office, you will receive your Range sticker.

If you need an alternate payment schedule, **you** must bring the request before the Board of Director **BY** the December BOD meeting on the 6th of December. That requirement is in the Bylaws.

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Your current membership expires December 31, 2011
Dues **MUST** be paid prior to March 1, 2012
If \$50 Dues Credit claimed, 8-HOUR work slip **MUST** accompany payment.
Renewals postmarked after March 1, 2012- Add \$25 processing fee!
Note: Your membership spot is not guaranteed if you are late.

Membership Type:	_____		Family Member (2)
Membership ID #:	_____		
Name(s)	(1) _____	(2) _____	
Address – Street	_____		
City, State, Zip	_____		
Phone:	(H) _____	(W) _____	
	(C) _____		
Email:	_____		
	DOB(1) _____	DOB(2) _____	

- (1) **PRINT LEGIBLY AND FILL IN ALL** required information on this form. Clearly indicate any changes.
- (2) **SIGN THE MEMBER RELEASE ON THE BACK** of this form and return top part of form with 8-hour Dues Credit slip (if applicable) and your check made payable to AFC-IWLA.
- (3) Questions/payment arrangements? Call Linda or Scott at **703-631-4495** If necessary, leave your name and telephone number
- (4) If being reassigned to area far removed from Northern Virginia for 2 years or more, inquire about Inactive/Reserve status.

<u>REGULAR</u> Membership Types	<u>2012 Dues</u>	<u>FAMILY</u> Membership Types	<u>2012 Dues</u>
___ RG – Regular	\$180	___ FM – Family Regular	\$272
___ RGD/R/S – Regular (Disabled, Remote, or Senior)	\$139	___ FMD/R/S – Family (Disabled, Remote, or Senior)	\$196
___ LF – Life Regular	\$140	___ FL – Family Life Regular	\$212
___ LFD/R/S – Life (Disabled, Remote, or Senior)	\$99	___ FLD/R/S – Family Life (Disabled, Remote, or Senior)	\$136
___ LB – Life Benefactor	\$139	___ FB – Family Benefactor	\$212
___ ST – Student	\$127	___ FBD/R/S – Family Benefactor (Disabled, Remote, or Senior)	\$136

Remote – Residence is over 50 miles from the Chapter.

Senior – Over age 60 as of 12/31/2011.

My check # _____ in the amount of \$ _____ made payable to AFC-IWLA is enclosed.

PLEASE SIGN THE MEMBER RELEASE ON BACK OF THIS STATEMENT BEFORE RETURNING

Detach here and submit the TOP portion with payment

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2012 Membership Dues Paid \$ _____ Date _____ Check No. _____

For tax purposes. Regular (**RG**) members may claim a **\$53** deduction and Family (**FM**) members may claim **\$82**. Life Regular (**LF**) (**LB**) members may claim a **\$6** deduction and Family Life (**FL**)(**FB**) members may claim **\$7**. Students (**ST**) may claim **\$42**

The Izaak Walton League of America - a non-profit conservation organization - is recognized as a Section 501(c)(3) public charity under the Internal Revenue Code. Minimum National dues are \$40 for individuals and \$60 for family memberships, which includes the Outdoor America magazine. Magazine is inseparable from dues. Chapter and Division dues may vary.

MEMBER RELEASE

Range Badges, Membership Cards and the Gate Combination will not be furnished unless the completed Release Statement has been received by the Chapter. If this is a family membership, then both parties must sign.

RELEASE STATEMENT

In consideration of the permission granted to me to use the pistol, rifle, skeet, trap and archery ranges and other facilities of the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Incorporated, of the Izaak Walton League of America, Centreville, Virginia, I do hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, irrevocably release and forever discharge the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Incorporated, of the Izaak Walton League of America (hereinafter "AFC-IWLA" and all of its officers, directors, agents and employees, acting in or under color of his or her official capacity, from any and all claims, demands, actions or causes of action, costs, charges, and liabilities of whatever kind, on account of my death or on account of any injury to me which may occur from any cause during my use of its ranges and/or facilities.

This release is intended to cover all injuries, fatal or non-fatal and illness of every name, type, kind, or nature and personal property damage, if any, which may be sustained or suffered from any cause whatsoever connected with or arising out of or by reason of participating in the aforementioned activities. I know the risks and unexpected dangers involved in said activities and assume all risks of injury to my person and property that may be sustained in connection with the stated and associated activities, in and about the installation.

I further agree that I will indemnify and will hold harmless the AFC-IWLA and all officers, directors, agents, and employees thereof from any and all costs, charges, claims, demands, and liabilities of any kind arising from the improper or negligent actions of the undersigned while participating in the activities of its property.

I have reviewed the AFC-IWLA Range Safety Rules and the Chapter Ground Rules and I understand and agree to abide by all the provisions therein. I have read and understood the foregoing release. I certify that my attendance and participation in activities at the AFC-IWLA is voluntary.

This release form is in effect as long as I am a member of the AFC-IWLA, or for so long as I may use the aforesaid ranges and/or facilities, both now and at any future times, but in no event longer than is permitted by applicable law.

Signature

Date

2nd Signature (Family Member)

Date

IWLA Pledge

To strive for the purity of water, the clarity of air, and the wise stewardship of the land and its resources.

To know the beauty and understanding of nature, and the value of wildlife, woodlands, and open space.

To the preservation of this heritage and to man's sharing it, I pledge myself as a member of the Izaak Walton League of America.

